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Sir:

Submitted herewith is an Amendment and Response to Office Action relating to the above-identified patent application. There is no additional claim fee due in connection with the Amendment. In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit **Deposit Account No. 50-0762** as required to correct the error. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully,

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SIR:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, dated February 13, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows. A version of the amendments that have been marked to show all changes is included as an Appendix.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as indicated below:

1. (Amended) A method for estimating the frequency offset in an OFDM communication system, comprising the steps of:
allocating certain locations in an OFDM frame to a signature sequence;
transmitting said signature sequence with data to a receiver, wherein said data and said signature sequence are encoded using a differential encoding performed in frequency; and